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SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Are the Government aware that people are standing in queues from 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning to buy milk supplied from this Project and what action are the Government going to take to see that the people get milk at the proper time?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : It is given at the proper time. But there is so much demand and people like to rush. Even that is avoided by giving coupons or cards so that people need not stand in long queues.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Why should the milk be supplied between 3 and 4 in the morning? Why should it not be between 5 and 6 or between 6 and 7? The time between 5 and 6 would be convenient because ladies have to stand between 3 and 4 which not a convenient time?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : If they do not take it between 3 and 4, they can take it between 5 and 6. Certain people want it early and they go early.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Have the Government checked whether hygienic conditions prevail in the co-operative societies that supply milk?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : There has been no complaint about it.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Do the Government officers supervise the co-operative societies from where the Government obtain milk?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : These places are being regularly looked into by Veterinary Officers and others.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. Minister tell us whether there is any proposal before the Government to start more co-operative milk societies to cater to the needs of the Madhavaram Milk Project?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : We are constantly watching the situation and year by year we are increasing the number of co-operative societies.

*Fissures and cracks in Vannarpet*

* 6 *Q*.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN AND SRI M. SANKARALINGAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the reports that there were deep earth cracks on the road surface and buildings in Vannarpet in Thanjavur district;

(*b*) whether any investigations were carried out by the Government to find out the causes for unusual phenomenon; and

(*c*) the resuts thereof?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The fissures and cracks are only of a local nature and they appear to have been caused by local subsidence in underground strata composed of their alternating layers of sand and clay of recent origin. The evidence does not indicate any possibility of major structural disturbance which could cause land-slide, earth-quake or any other catastrophic movements.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Are the Government aware of a news report that the fissures were due to the sinking of several wells?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : A separate question may be put.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Have the Government assessed the extent of damage caused by these fissures and have they instituted any remedial measures?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : There has not been much damage.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Have fissures occurred in any other place in the district during the last few years?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I have no information.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it due to percolation of water and, if so, what steps do the Government intend to take to stop such percolation?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : It is due to the drying up of the irrigation tank in that area.

*Movement of foodgrains*

3-20 p.m. * 7 Q.—SRI M. SANKARALINGAM PILAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any other restrictions on the movement of foodgrains in Kanyakumari district besides the one imposed by G.O. Ms. No. 3648, dated 31st December 1964; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) According to the Madras Paddy and Rice (Movement Control) Order, 1965, as subsequently amended, no person can transport or move more than 10 litres of paddy or rice (including broken rice) from one district to another or from one notified area in a district to a place outside that notified area within the district except under a permit to be issued by an authorized officer. It has also been laid down in the order that no transport or